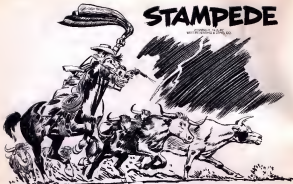




STAMPEDE



THE MOST DISASTROUS THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO A HERD OF CATTLE ON THE PRAIRIE WAS A STAMPEDE. ALMOST ANYTHING COULD "SPOOK" A GROUP OF STEERS----A SUDDEN BURST OF HEAT LIGHTNING, COYOTES APPEARING IN THE HERD OR EVEN THE SUDDEN WHINNY OF A NERVOUS HORSE. THE LEAST THAT COULD RESULT WAS HOURS OF WORK ROUNDING UP THE SCATTERED HERD AND THE MOST TERRIBLE WAS THE DEATH OF A GOWBOY UNDER THE POUNDING HOOPS OF THE STEERS. STAMPEDES USUALLY HAPPENED AT NIGHT WHEN THE NATURAL AND ORDERLY HERD INSTINCT OF BEEF CATTLE SEEMS WEAKER THAN IN REASSURING DAYLIGHT.

WHEN RIDING AHEAD OF STAMPEDEING CATTLE, THE COWMAN IS FACED WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS HORSE WILL PUT A FOOT IN A PRAIRIE DOG, GOPHER OR BADGER HOLE. BADGERS MAKE THE BIGGEST BURROWS BUT THERE AREN'T SO MANY OF THEM. GOPHERS, LARGE GROUND SQUIRRELS, ARE ALSO DANGEROUS DEN BUILDERS. THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL, HOWEVER, IS THE PRAIRIE DOG WHO DIGS IN TOWNS WITH HOLES ONLY A SMALL DISTANCE APART. PRAIRIE DOG TOWNS SOMETIMES COVER MANY ACRES OF GROUND, AND TO GET THROUGH ONE ON A GALLOPING HORSE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY NOTHING EXCEPT FABULOUS GOOD LUCK.



PRAIRIE DOG VILLAGE

THE CISCO KID

AND THE STOCKMEN OF LONGHORN

ONE SUMMER'S DAY ON THE ROAD
TO LONGHORN...

CISCO! MY THROAT SHE
THINKS MY STOMACH IS OUT!
BETTER IT SHOULD BE, TOO,
THAN PANCHO GO MUCH LONGER
WITHOUT TORTILLAS!

CHEER UP,
AMIGO! WE WILL
BE IN LONGHORN
BEFORE NIGHT!
THEN YOU SHALL
HAVE A MOUNTAIN
OF TORTILLAS IF YOU
WISH!



SO IT IS TO LONGHORN
WE GO! WHY, CISCO?

TO SEE A
MAN NAMED
OLIVER TUBBS!
HE WROTE ME
ASKING FOR
HELP!



HE SAID HE HAD HEARD
WE WERE GOOD AT
HANDLING 'SITUATIONS'!
I AM CURIOUS TO FIND
OUT WHAT HIS 'SITUATION' IS!

'AI-EEE!
ALWAYS IT IS
SITUATIONS!
CISCO, WHEN
ARE WE GOING
TO RETIRE?'
(Sniff! Sniff!)



NEVER! I---WHAT
ARE YOU SMILING
ABOUT?

(Sniff) PANCHO
IMAGINES THE
BREEZE SHE
BRINGS THE
PERFUME OF FOOD!



YOU DO NOT
IMAGINE IT,
AMIGO! LOOK!

AAA! PANCHO HOPES THEY
HAVE ENOUGH FOR TWO
MORE HUNGRY HOMES!











CISCO LEAPS INTO THE BURNING WAGON---



WE'D HAVE BEEN RUINED!

INSTEAD OF WHICH, YOU
ARE VERY LUCKY! EXCEPT
FOR THE WAGON, NOTHING
ELSE IS DAMAGED MUCH!
BUT---



...IT WAS MOST CARELESS OF
PANCHO TO GET THE FLOW WET!
IT MIGHT RUST! BETTER WIPE
IT OFF QUICKLY, ANIGO!



MADRE MIA! IT IS PANCHITO WHO NEEDS
THE WIPING OFF! HE WILL NOT RUST!---
BUT IF HE GETS THE PUH-WOO...
PUH-WOO...

IF YOU HEAR PNEUMONIA, PANCHITO,
DO NOT WORRY! THE HEAT OF THE
SUN WILL DRY YOU IN NO TIME!
COME, WE MUST GO NOW!



BLAST IT, WALT!
IF IT HADN'T BEEN
FOR CISCO, THOSE
WAGONS'D BE
ASHES BY NOW!

DON'T SHOUT AT ME! I DON'T SEND
FOR HIM! COME ON!
LET'S SET OUT OF
HERE BEFORE HE
SPOTS US AN'
STARTS ASKIN'
QUESTIONS!



A SHORT TIME LATER ---

I HOPE THE WAGON
HOLDS TOGETHER
TILL WE GET THERE!

RIGHT! COME
ON! LET'S
GET FINE AN'
ANNIE, AN'
GET MOVIN'!



AS THE BOOIES LEAVE TOWN---

OSCO! I THOUGHT
YOU TWO HAD LEFT
TOWN!

WE WENT TO GET
OUR HORSES! WE
HAVE DECIDED TO
RIDE WITH YOU---
IF YOU DO NOT MIND!



MIND? WE'LL BE
TICKLED PINK! -
THE GIRLS ARE
MOREN A LITTLE
FEARFUL!

PANGHO IS FULL, TOO---
BUT NOT WITH THE
FEAR! TERESA AT
THE CAFE---AH!---
SHE MAKES THE FINE
TORTILLAS JUST LIKE
PANGHO'S MAMA!



THE NEXT MORNING---

PANGHO! WE NEED WATER
FOR COFFEE! WOULD YOU
MIND GETTING SOME FOR US?

BUT OF COURSE
NOT, SENSRA!



AS PANGHO REACHES THE CREEK---

SANTO! SOMEONE TRIES
TO MAKE THE SIEVE OUT
OF PANGHO!

BLAM!



OSCO! (PUFF!) A BUSHWHACKER!
(PUFF!) IS POTSHOOTING AT PANGHO!

SO I SEE!
AND HEAR!





--SO IF YOU WILL
BRING SOME MEN TO
THE CAMP AFTER
DARK, TUBBS AND
GUNTHER WILL
NOT KNOW---

I SAAY, CISCO!
I'LL BE THERE
WITH FOUR O'
THE BEST SHOTS
IN TOWN!



AND TEN MINUTES AFTER THAT---

AND TERESA EAVESDROPS
WHILE SEARCHING GUNTHER AND
TUBBS' EAT! SHE HEAR THEM
SAY THEY MAKE THE MISTERS
GO BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE MISSISSIPPI!

YOU MEAN
MISSISSIPPI!



SL, CISCO! MISSISSIPPI---THE
RIVER! BUT TERESA
DOES NOT HEAR HOW
THEY PLAN TO DO IT!

DO NOT
WORRY! WE
WILL BE
READY FOR
ANYTHING!



THAT NIGHT NEAR THE BOONE'S LAND---

WE'LL STAMPEDE THIS
HERD STRAIGHT ACROSS
THEIR CAMP! WON'T BE
ENOUGH LEFT OF THEM
TO BOTHER ABOUT!

OKAY! LET'S
CUT THE GAS
AN' GET ON
WITH IT!



THAT
DID IT!

YEAH! LET'S
RIDE!



AT THAT MOMENT---

A BUNSHOT!

ON YOUR FEET, MEN!
THIS IS IT!

AI-EEE! SO SOON AFTER THE
SUPPER! PANCHO'S DIGESTION
SHE IS DOING CARTWHEELS!



A STAMPEDE!

SI, DARRY! SOMEONE
TAKE THE SEÑORAS TO
THE HILLTOP! QUICKLY!



COME, PANCHO!
PERHAPS WE
CAN TURN THEM!

AND, PERHAPS
NOT! THEY CAME
LIKE BLAZES!



PANCHO'S RIGHT!
WE CAN'T STOP THEM!

DO NOT GIVE UP,
SHERIFF! THE
CREEK WILL SLOW
THEM SOMEWHAT!
AND PANCHO HAS
JUST GIVEN ME
AN IDEA!



HURRY! FILL THAT
WAGON WITH DRY BRUSH!







IN A DARING MANEUVER, GISCO SWINGS TUBBS TO SAFETY...



GISCO! YOU---YOU
SAVED MY LIFE!

SI! SO I COULD
TURN YOU OVER
TO THE LAW AND---



NOT IF I
CAN HELP IT!



BUT YOU
GART!



MEANWHILE...





A SHORT TIME LATER---





GOOD MORNING, SHERIFF!
ALL IS WELL NOW, EH?

THANKS TO YOU AND PANCHO! AND I RECKON
THESE HOMBRES HAVE LEARNED A LESSON
THEY WON'T FORGET IN A HURRY!



I HOPE THEY HAVE LEARNED
THERE IS ROOM IN THE
WEST FOR EVERYONE---
AND ANYONE---WHO WANTS
TO SETTLE HERE!



I HAVE! WHEN I
GET OUT O' HERE
I'M GOIN' TO BE A
PEACEFUL, LAW-
ABIDIN' CITIZEN!

ME, TOO! AFTER
ALL, IF THE
GOVERNMENT'S
FOR THE NESTERS,
WHO AM I TO
ARGUE?



AH, SEÑORS! YOU HAVE
ACQUIRED WISDOM---
BUT AT GREAT COST!
ADIOS, SHERIFF! MAY
OUR NEXT MEETING
BE LESS EXCITING!

HERE'S
HOPIN' IT'LL
BE SOON!



MONTHS LATER---

OUR NAMESAKE, AMIGO!
"OSCO PANCHO BOWNE!"
I---WHAT ARE YOU
LAUGHING AT?

PANCHO WONDERS
WHAT WOULD HAVE
SEEN HIS NAME
IF HE HAD BEEN
A GIRL BABY!

THE CISCO KID

AND THE WHITE MASKED BANDIT

EARLY ONE MORNING...

PANCHO HOPES THE TRAIN
WILL COME SOON AND
BRING THE LETTER
FROM HIS MAMAGITA!

THERE IS THE
STATION AGENT?
LET US ASK HIM IF
THE TRAIN IS ON
TIME!

GOLDENROOD



SOME MILES NORTH---



THERE SHE IS! MOVE, BOY!
WE CAN'T KEEP LAPE
WAITIN'!



LESS THAN TEN MINUTES TO
GOLDENROD--- AND NO SIGN
OF THAT BANDIT YET!



MAYBE HE'S PULLED
STAKES? I CERTAINLY
HOPE SO!



EVERYBODY REACH!
THIS IS A STICK-UP!

GLP!

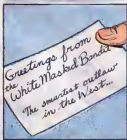






A SHORT TIME LATER...







WHEN GUS GO REACHES THE SOUTHERN END
OF COYOTE PASS.

NO CHANCE OF
FINDING TRACKS
IN THIS ROCKY
GROUND!



BUT UP IN THOSE TREES, WHO
KNOWS? WE MAY BE LUCKY,
EH, DIABLO?



MEANWHILE---

HA! HA! YOU SHOULOA
SEEN THAT LITTLE
CONDUCTOR'S FACE, BEN, WHEN
I TOLD HIM I'D RETURN HIS
WATCH NEXT TIME WE MET?
HE LIKE TO BUSTED A BLOOD
VESSEL!



BET HE PAINTED
WHEN HE FOUND MY
CARO! WAIT TILL HE
SEES ME ON THE
RETURN RIDE THIS
AFTERNOON!



I DON'T LIKE
ALL THIS
GRANDSTANDIN',
LAFET! IT'S
TOO EASY TO
MAKE A BAD
SLIP AND GET
NABBED!

THEY'LL NEVER NAB
ME, BEN! I'M THE
SMARTEST HORNNE
WHO EVER HELD UP
A TRAIN! AN' EVERY-
BODY KNOWS IT!

ADVERTISIN' IS
OKAY---SOME-
TIMES! BUT IF
YOU GET TOO
GOCKY, SURE AS
SHOOTIN' YOU'LL
LAND IN THE
CALABOOSE!



CUT THE CREPE-
HANGIN'! WE'RE
DOIN' OKAY---
THANKS TO MY
BRAINS!



OKAY! DON'T GET
TOUGHY! WHAT
OUTFIT'RE YOU
GOIN' TO USE THIS
AFTERNOON?



WHIRLING, GISCO TAKES THE OUTLAW
BY SURPRISE.



THEN JUMPS HIM.



A FEW MINUTES LATER .



LATER---BACK IN TOWN...

LIKE ALWAYS, PANCHO IS HAPPY TO READ A LETTER FROM HIS MANAGITA! ESPECIALLY THIS ONE! FOR SHE THINKS HE IS VERY CLEVER! EVEN MORE CLEVER THAN OSCAR!



PANCHITO WILL NEED THE ROPE TO TIE UP THE BANDIT WHEN HE CATCHES HIM!



BUT, OF COURSE, THAT IS FOOLISHMENTS! OR IS IT? MAYBE PANCHITO SHOULD SHOW EVERYBODY HE CAN BE CLEVER---ALL ALONE BY HIMSELF!



GOES! PANCHITO IS SORRY, SEND!

THINK NOTHING OF IT!



PANCHITO WISHES A TICKET FOR AS FAR AS THE TRAIN GOES, SEND!

THAT'LL BE RID CALIENTE!



PANCHITO HOPES HE WILL GET A SEAT ON THE TRAIN!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! I'VE ONLY SOLD TWO TICKETS FOR THIS RUN! REGON FOLKS'RE AFRAID OF BEING HELD UP AGAIN!



BUT EVEN THE WHITE MASKED BANDIT WOULDN'T STAGE TWO HOLDUPS IN ONE DAY!

AI-EE! MAYBE PANCHITO GOES ON THE WILD-GOOSE CHASE! BUT IT IS TOO LATE NOW! THE TRAIN COMES!





A FEW MILES LATER....





IN THE MEANTIME...



AS CHARLO FAIRLY FLIES OVER THE GROUND







CISCO IS STUNNED



BUT ONLY FOR A FEW
SECONDS.



HE RACES AFTER THE BANDIT.



AND BULLDOGS HIM FROM HIS HORSE.



AS LIFE GAINS HIS FEET



